

Fourth of July District Work Period: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 125, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 541, the rule that provided for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 469 and H. Res. 482 were laid on the table. **Page H5652**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10. **Page H5653**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. **Page H5653**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 10, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H5653**

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood, Ms. Joan Flinspach of Indiana, and Mr. James R. Thompson of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. David Phelps of Illinois and Ms. Louise Taper of California to the same commission. **Page H5653**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the LaHood motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 366. **Pages H5626–27**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5439 and H5552.

Referrals: S. 2719 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H5653**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5657–58.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5596–97, H5597, H5598, H5616, H5616–17, H5625–26, H5626, H5626–27, H5648–49, H5649, H5649–50, H5650–51, H5651, and H5651–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to S. Con. Res. 125, the House adjourned at

2:06 a.m. on Friday June 30, until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, for morning-hour debate.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL INPUT PRICES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review factors affecting domestic and international agricultural input prices. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

LATIN AMERICA—TERRORISM AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in Latin America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAL FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning; and the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means held a joint hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues; Ray Bramucci, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4049, amended, Privacy Commission Act; H.R. 4744, Truth in Regulating Act of 2000"; H.R. 3454, to designate the United States Post Office located at 451 College Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "Henry McNeal Turner Post Office"; H.R. 3909, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4601 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Henry W. McGee Post Office Building"; H.R. 3985, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar City, Florida, as the "Vicki Coceano Post Office Building"; H.R. 4157, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building"; H.R. 4430, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

11831 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland, as the "Alfred Rascon Post Office Building"; H.R. 4517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Alan B. Shepard, Jr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 4484, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Washington Street in Rockville, Maryland, as the "Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 4534, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Ridge Street in Lenoir, North Carolina, as the "James T. Broyhill Post Office Building"; H.R. 4554, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building"; H.R. 4615, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3030 Meredith Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Reverend J.C. Wade Post Office"; H.R. 4625, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as the "Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building"; H.R. 4658, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4437, amended, Semipostal Authorization Act.

The Committee also approved the following draft report entitled "Making the Federal Government Accountable" Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management".

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.R. 3673, United States Panama Partnership Act of 2000.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: amended, the Defense and Security Assistance Act of 2000; H.R. 4697, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to ensure that United States assistance programs promote good governance by assisting other countries to combat corruption throughout society and to promote transparency and increased accountability for all levels of government and throughout the private sector; H.R. 4002, amended, Famine Prevention and Freedom from Hunger Improvement Act of 2000; H.R. 4528, amended, International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000; H. Con. Res. 348, amended, Expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and expressing the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to end this abuse of human rights; H. Con. Res. 232,

amended, Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the safety and well-being of United States citizens injured while traveling in Mexico; H. Con. Res. 322, amended, expressing the sense of Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; H. Res. 531, amended, condemning the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, urging the Argentine Government to punish those responsible; S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire; H. Con. Res. 297, amended, Congratulating the Republic of Hungary on the millennium of its foundation as a state; and H. Con. Res. 319, congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 10th anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES: A GROWING THREAT TO AMERICA'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Infectious Diseases: A Growing Threat to America's Health and Security. Testimony was heard from David Satcher, M.D., Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; David F. Gordon, National Intelligence Officer of Economics and Global Issues, National Intelligence Council, CIA; and David L. Heymann, M.D., Executive Director, Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4267, Internet Tax Reform and Reduction Act of 2000; H.R. 4460, Internet Tax Simplification Act of 2000; and H.R. 4462, Fair and Equitable Interstate Tax Compact Simplification Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Ray Haynes, member, Senate, State of California; R. Michael Southcombe, Tax Commissioner, State of Idaho; Gary Viken, Secretary of Revenue, State of South Dakota; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET AND FEDERAL COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on The Internet and Federal Courts: Issues and Obstacles. Testimony was heard from Andrew Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; D. Jean

Veta, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Jeffery P. Kovar, Assistant Legal Advisor, Private International Law, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ADOPTED ORPHANS CITIZENSHIP ACT; OVERSIGHT—EVALUATING RELIGIOUS WORKER VISA PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims began markup of H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Evaluating the Religious Worker Visa Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Mildred Patterson, Managing Director, Visa Office; and John Brennan, Consular Office; Thomas Cook, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Adjudications, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Department of Justice; and Jess Ford, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action a resolution finding that Mr. Keith Rutter refused to answer a pertinent question while testifying before the Subcommittee on May 4, 2000, and the facts of this refusal shall be reported by the Chairman of the Subcommittee to the full Committee on Resources for such action as the Committee deems appropriate and that the Subcommittee finds that Mr. Henry Banta and Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton refused to answer pertinent questions while testifying before the Subcommittee on May 18, 2000, and the facts of these refusals shall be reported by the Chairman of the Subcommittee to the Committee on Resources for such action as the Committee deems appropriate.

GREAT APE CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4320, Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Performance Measures. Testimony was heard from James E. Wells, Jr., Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the USDA: Vincette L. Goerl, Chief Financial Officer, Forest Service; and James R. Ebbitt, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Ross

W. Gorte, Natural Resource Economist and Policy Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

OVERSIGHT—CALFED PROGRAM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the CALFED program. Testimony was heard from David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Felicia Marcus, Regional Administrator, Region 9, EPA; Steven L. Stockton, Director, Programs Management, South Pacific Division, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; Mary Nichols, Secretary for Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

FAA'S WIDE AREA AUGMENTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Cost Overruns and Delays in the FAA's Wide Area Augmentation System and Related Radio Spectrum Issues. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and public witnesses.

FEDERAL TAX LAWS—COMPLEXITY IN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Complexity in Administration of Federal Tax Laws. Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D686)

H.J. Res. 101, recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army. Signed June 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-227)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine the nationwide crisis of mortgage fraud, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.